

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 521 - SB 898

March 7, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004980): Creates the Professional Music Therapy Advisory Committee of the Board of Examiners in Psychology (Committee). Establishes the Committee is to consist of five members, to be appointed by the Governor, who must be certified professional music therapists and must be actively engaged in the practice or teaching of music therapy in this state at the time of their appointment. Authorizes the Committee to issue certificates to qualified applicants, which will be valid for 24 months from the date of issuance.

Entitles members to travel and other appropriate expenses while engaged in Committee business. Requires the Division of Health-Related Boards in the Department of Health (DOH) to provide administrative support to the Committee. Authorizes the Committee to promulgate rules to implement the proposed legislation. Places the Committee under sunset review with the first termination date on June 30, 2025.

Takes effect January 1, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

**Increase State Revenue – \$40,000/FY23-24/Board of Examiners in Psychology
\$40,000/FY24-25/Board of Examiners in Psychology
\$24,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/
Board of Examiners in Psychology**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$47,500/FY23-24/
Board of Examiners in Psychology
\$82,500/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/
Board of Examiners in Psychology**

Other Fiscal Impact – Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Examiners in Psychology had an annual surplus of \$68,247 in FY20-21, an annual surplus of \$57,979 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,251,007 on June 30, 2022.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The professional music therapist certification fee will be \$500. The biennial renewal fee will be \$300.
- It is estimated that there are approximately 160 music therapists in the state. This analysis assumes that certification for music therapists will remain consistent.
- Assuming 50 percent become certified in FY23-24, the increase in state revenue is estimated to be \$40,000 [(160 music therapists x 50.0%) x \$500].
- The remaining 50 percent will be certified in FY24-25; the increase in state revenue is estimated to be \$40,000 [(160 music therapists x 50.0%) x \$500].
- In FY25-26 and subsequent years, there will be certification renewal fee revenue resulting in an increase in state revenue of \$24,000 [(160 music therapists x 50.0%) x \$300].
- The DOH will require one additional Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 1 position to assist the board administrator with review, approval, and issuance of certificates.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with the position is estimated to be \$6,200 (\$3,500 computer costs + \$2,700 office furniture).
- There will be a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$79,349 (\$53,100 salary + \$16,149 benefits + \$7,900 administrative fee + \$1,600 communications + \$600 supplies).
- Due to the January 1, 2024 effective date, the total increase in state expenditures associated with the position will be \$45,875 [\$6,200 + (\$79,349 x 50.0%)] in FY23-24.
- The Committee will consist of five members. Such members will receive no compensation for their services but will be reimbursed for travel expenses. The Committee will meet four times a year.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$3,200 (\$0.63 per mile x 254 miles roundtrip x 4 meetings x 5 members).
- Due to the January 1, 2024 effective date, the increase in state expenditures will be \$1,600 (\$3,200 x 50.0%) in FY23-24.
- The total increase in state expenditures in FY23-24 is estimated to be \$47,475 (\$45,875 + \$1,600).
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures in FY24-25 and subsequent years is estimated to be \$82,549 (\$79,349 + \$3,200).
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Examiners in Psychology had an annual surplus of \$68,247 in FY20-21, an annual surplus of \$57,979 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,251,007 on June 30, 2022.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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